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Dear Director Ray Farmer,

Hello -

I own two cars . One is a 100% electric Mitsubishi Miev and my other car is a hybrid Chevy Volt .

Please join me and the growing numbers of electric car owners and others concerned for our clean air in SC .

South Carolina will save a tremendous amount of money - changing over to electric vehicles .

Electric vehicles require zero maintenance .

Please join many other cities , towns and states as we embrace a cleaner , cheaper alternative to diesel emissions .

The State of South Carolina will be receiving almost \$34 million to reduce diesel emissions as part of the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust and this money should be invested in vehicle electrification and charging equipment.

Investing in an electric vehicle future for South Carolina would lower costs to taxpayers and consumers and reduce pollution, making for a healthier environment and better public health.

The State has identified the funding priorities of bus upgrades and the installation of light-duty zero emission vehicle supply equipment.

The supply equipment allocation should be the full allowable 15% and should go toward electric vehicle charging equipment, and the remaining 85% should be used on electrification of our state's bus fleet.

Electric buses have very low operating costs compared to other fuels, and each electric bus would save approximately \$200,000 in fuel and maintenance costs over the vehicle's lifetime. Additionally, electric buses do not pollute like fossil fueled buses do, which protects the environment and public health. This is especially important for school buses, to spare children from exposure to diesel fumes which can cause or exacerbate serious respiratory diseases.

Thank you for taking my comments.

Sincerely,
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